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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MAS TH, ID, RP, KS, LA

SUBJ: PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF MILITARY ITEMS RECOVERED  
FROM CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM

REF: STATE 200194

1. AMBASSADOR, DCM CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER KHULRIT  
PRAMOT AFTERNOON AUGUST 28. DISCUSSION INCLUDED  
SUBJECT MILITARY ITEMS. FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI  
WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE, EQUIPMENT  
OFFERED TO RTG PER REFTEL PARA 3. QUESTION OF EQUIP-  
MENT FOR THIRD COUNTRIES (REFTEL PARAS 4,5 AND 6)  
WAS ALSO REVIEWED.

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3. AS NEITHER THE PRIME MINISTER NOR CHATCHAI ARE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT PLANES, THE DISCUSSION OF OUR REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE AIRCRAFT DESTINED FOR THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA WAS A BIT INCOHERENT. THE PRIME MINISTER AND CHATCHAI BOTH ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT THE PLANES WERE A BONE OF CONTENTION WITH HANOI AND CHATCHAI ASKED WHETHER A SORT OF JUNK PILE COULD BE ARRANGED AS AN EXHIBIT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE HAD LOOKED INTO THIS IDEA AND THAT JUNKED PLANES WERE USUALLY POUNDED INTO SCRAP. IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME THE RTG COULD PLAUSIBLY TELL HANOI THAT THE PLANES HAD BEEN SCRAPPED. THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED AND SAID THAT BY THE TIME RELATIONS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH HANOI HE WOULD PROBABLY BE JUNK ALSO. IT WAS NATURAL THAT AFTER SITTING IN THE OPEN DURING A MONSOON, THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO SCRAP.

4. HE DID NOT DISAGREE WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S PROPOSAL THAT THE AIRCRAFT DESTINED FOR THIRD COUNTRIES BE DISCREETLY RETROGRADED, AND WE INTEND TO PROCEED THERE AS THOUGH WE HAD BEEN GIVEN A GREEN LIGHT. WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S TACIT APPROVAL AND THE SUPPORT OF SUPREME COMMAND, WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE MOVEMENT OF THESE PLANES. THE PRIME MINISTER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE C-123S MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE IN THE RETROGRADE PACKAGE AND TREATED THIS MATTER VERY CASUALLY AFTER WE HAD EXPLAINED THAT THESE FOUR HAD BEEN TURNED IN BY RTAF IN RETURN FOR TEN SIMILAR PLANES OF ALTER MODEL.

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